Supporting Information for

Preparation of MIL-53(Fe)-Reduced Graphene Oxide

Nanocomposites by a Simple Self-Assembly Strategy for

Increasing Interfacial Contact: Efficient Visible Light

Photocatalysts

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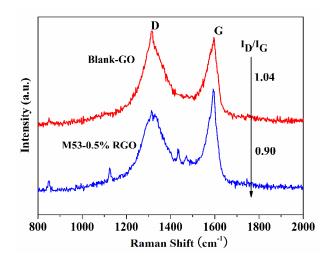


Figure S1. Raman spectra of original GO and M53-0.5% RGO.

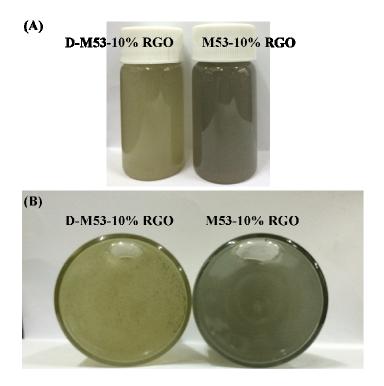


Figure S2. Photograph showing (A) the suspension of M53–10% RGO and D–M53–10% RGO; (B) the bottom of the vials.

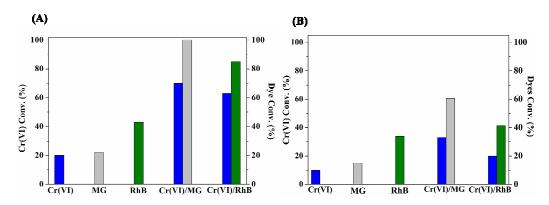


Figure S3. Photocatalytic activities of (A) M53–0.5% RGO and (B) D–M53–0.5% RGO for the simultaneous photocatalytic reduction of Cr(VI) and degradation of dyes. Reaction conditions: 40 mg of photocatalyst, 40 mL of 20 mg·L⁻¹ Cr(VI)/dye, air atmosphere, pH 7.

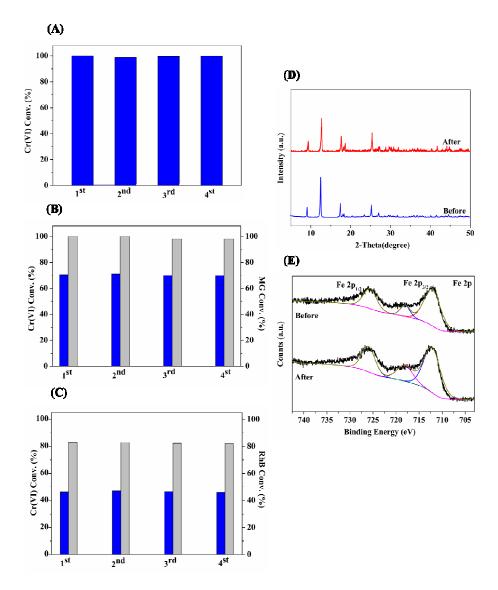


Figure S4. Reuse of M53–0.5% RGO for the (A) photocatalytic reduction of Cr(VI); (B,C) simultaneous photocatalytic reduction of Cr(VI) and degradation of dyes for four successive cycles, and (D) XRD patterns, (E) XPS spectra of M53–0.5% RGO before and after the catalytic reaction.

Table S1. The concentration of Fe(III) during the reaction. Reaction conditions: 40 mg of M53–0.5% RGO, 40 mL of 20 mg·L⁻¹ Cr(VI), 5 mg of ammonium oxalate, air atmosphere, pH 4.

Fe(III) concentration (ppm)	
2.145	
1.982	
2.074	

Table S2. The concentration of Fe(III) during the reaction. Reaction conditions: 40 mg of M53–0.5% RGO, 40 mL of 20 mg·L⁻¹ Cr(VI)/MG, air atmosphere, pH 7.

Irradiation time (min)	Fe(III) concentration (ppm)
40 (Dark adsorption)	0.303
150	0.315
300	0.293

Table S3. The concentration of Fe(III) during the reaction. Reaction conditions: 40 mg of M53–0.5% RGO, 40 mL of 20 mg·L $^{-1}$ Cr(VI)/RhB, air atmosphere, pH 7.

Irradiation time (min)	Fe(III) concentration (ppm)		
40 (Dark adsorption)	0.424		
150	0.393		
300	0.429		

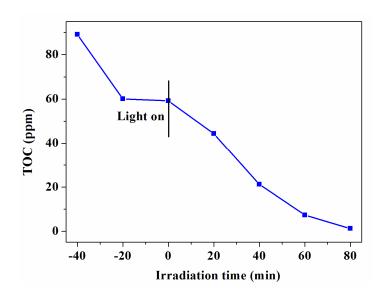


Figure S5. Time–course of TOC during irradiation in the presence of ammonium oxalate. Reaction conditions: 40 mg of M53–0.5% RGO, 40 mL of 20 mg·L⁻¹ Cr(VI), 5 mg of ammonium oxalate, air atmosphere, pH 4.

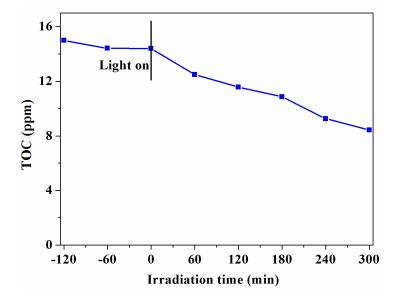


Figure S6. Time-course of TOC during irradiation in the binary systems of Cr(VI)/MG. Reaction conditions: 40 mg of M53-0.5% RGO, 40 mL of 20 mg·L⁻¹ Cr(VI)/MG, air atmosphere, pH 7.

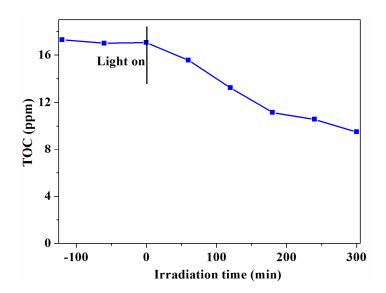


Figure S7. Time–course of TOC during irradiation in the binary systems of Cr(VI)/RhB. Reaction conditions: 40 mg of M53–0.5% RGO, 40 mL of 20 mg·L⁻¹ Cr(VI)/RhB, air atmosphere, pH 7.

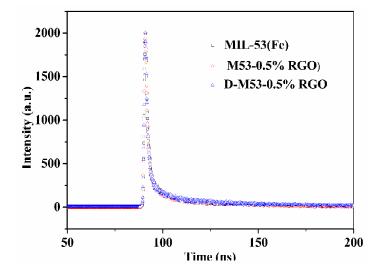


Figure S8. The photoluminescent (PL) lifetime of the samples.

Table S4. The photoluminescent (PL) lifetime of MIL-53(Fe), M53–0.5% RGO and D-M53–0.5% RGO.

Sample	Sample PL lifetime (ns)		Relative proportion (%)	
	T_1	1.22	26.39	
MIL-53(Fe)	T_2	12.9	31.92	
	T_3	73.3	41.70	
M53-0.5% RGO	T_1	1.23	26.42	
	T_2	14.3	32.10	
	T_3	76.1	41.48	
	T_1	1.24	26.46	
D-M53-0.5% RGO	T_2	14.0	31.86	
	T ₃	77.6	41.68	

Table S5. Active species trapping experiments using different radical scavengers for the photocatalytic degradation of dyes over M53–0.5% RGO (tert-butyl alcohol (TBA) as a scavenger for hydroxyl radicals, ammonium oxalate (AO) as a scavenger for photogenerated holes).

Pollutants	MG	MG/Cr(VI)	RhB	RhB /Cr(VI)	Radical scavenger
Dye	22.2	100.0	43.0	83.1	None
removal	22.0	98.1	40.1	61.7	TBA
(%)	4.3	38.5	12.8	13.2	AO